

**Husband 'Safe' In L. B. Jail**

A Torrance housewife, worried because her husband hadn't returned from a Tuesday night shopping trip, called police who assured her that her husband was "safe." He was in a Long Beach jail on a shoplifting charge.

**BUILDING APPROACHES RECORD PEAK OF 1948**

Maintaining what may be a record-breaking pace, building permit evaluations for 1949 turned into the homestretch this week with only one more month to go, according to figures from the office of City Building Inspector John Patrick.

If permits totaling \$1,200,000 are granted during December, Patrick said, the year's building will exceed that of 1948—a record year. Permits for approximately \$245,400 for 52 prospective homes to be built by K. Sañde Senness in Pacific Hills, may help the city break the record mark established in 1948.

With the issuance of the nearly a quarter of million dollars in permits to Senness the total building permit evaluation for 1949 will reach \$7,022,950, Patrick said. During November Senness was granted 59 permits totaling \$393,700 for development of the Pacific Hills tract which helped bring the total for November to \$764,885.

**Completion of School Site Litigation Seen**

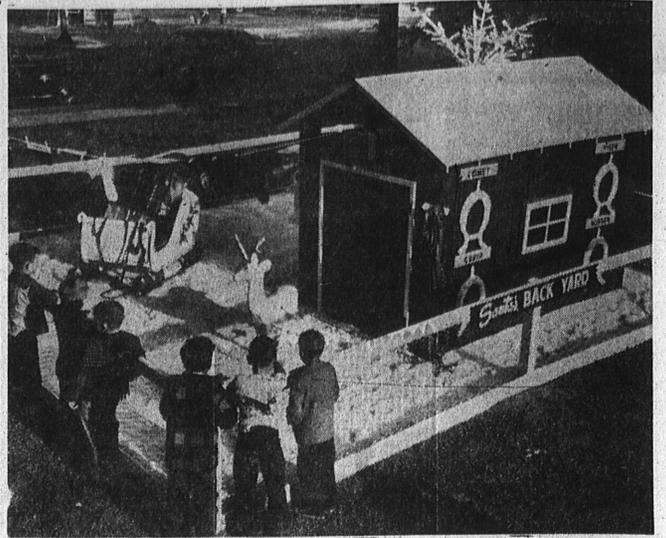
Hope was renewed this week for the completion of negotiation for a school site in the Hollywood Riviera district by the end of the year.

Dr. J. H. Hull revealed at the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night that the county surveyor is now checking the description of the ten-acre Ellinwood site immediately east of the Hollywood Riviera district.

**Auto Hits Train In Thick Fog**

Heavy fog which has blanketed the city for nearly two weeks was blamed for a train-auto accident early Friday morning.

Shaken though not injured was Charles W. Lane, 19-year-old driver of a late model sedan of 20035 South Denker avenue. According to police reports, Lane smashed into the side of a Santa Fe train as it was crossing Torrance boulevard at the Madrid avenue crossing.



**INSPECTION . . .** Six members of the younger generation look over the replica of Santa's Back Yard which merchants erected in El Prado Park late last week. Saturday night a crowd of 3000 packed the adjoining area to greet Santa. —Herald photo.

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**OBITUARY**

**SHARON CLAIR CHRISTIE**

With Rev. C. M. Northrup officiating, services for Sharon Clair Christie, eight months, who passed away at Harbor General Hospital, were held on Tuesday morning at Stone and Myers Chapel. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don D. Christie, 22137 Dolores avenue, and two brothers, Larry and Donny.

**CHARLES HENRY STORK**  
Private services were held at Stone and Myers mortuary Wednesday morning for Charles Henry, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Stork, 25838 Pennsylvania avenue.

**MRS. PORTAL GREENAN**  
Services for Mrs. Portal Greenan, 55, of 1840 W. 219th street, whose death occurred at her home, were conducted in Church of Christ, Los Angeles. Interment was in Green Hills memorial park. Survivors are her husband, David; five daughters, Mrs. Charles Nance, of Long Beach, Mrs. Bella May Solsbee, of Greenwood, Ark., Mrs. Devina Seeman, Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. Tony Childers and Miss Pauline Greenan, both of the 219th street address; and two sons, David James, USN, and Spurgeon, of Normandie avenue, Torrance. Also surviving are several grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Tom McDonald and Mrs. Amanda Burgeon, both of Torrance.



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**... Santa Claus**

(Continued from Page 1) tury of experience in Torrance, said the crowds were the largest to ever gather for such an event.

Though the swarming kids almost reached the stampede stage no injuries were reported to officials sources.

A. M. Kessler, owner of the Pay-Less Drug store here and in Wilmington and San Pedro, said the store gave nearly 3500 candy suckers. He said that Santa Claus, who appeared also at his other two stores, was not greeted by such huge or enthusiastic crowds as those which met him upon his arrival in Torrance.

Dwight Eubank, chairman of the evening Santa Claus appearance stated that 2000 candy canes were given to kids of the community.

"I think everyone was amazed at the turn out that showed up Saturday night," stated Howard J. Percy, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. "We learned something this year which will help us plan for next year," he said.

**To Receive Xmas Cash Bonuses**

A special Christmas bonus to employees and officers of Bank of America was authorized recently by the Board of Directors of the Bank, according to L. M. Giannini, president.

For employees with 12 months or more service the special bonus is 40 per cent of the first \$500 of the basic November salary, and 35 per cent of any salary portion above that amount. Those with a shorter period of service will receive a proportionate bonus based on the number of full months employed.

This special Christmas bonus brings the total of employee bonuses declared during the past fiscal year of the employees' profit-sharing plan to more than \$2,000,000.

**STORKatorials AT TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Cochran, 24313 Lucile avenue, a daughter, born December 3 at 5:10 p.m.

Harbor General Hospital Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Douglas, 25510 Marigold avenue, a daughter, born November 20 at 11:21 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Jackman, 24802 Woodward street, a daughter, born November 23, 4:55 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Lee, 135 E. 220th street, a daughter, born November 17 at 2:47 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Flenny Notz, 1426 Lomita boulevard, a daughter, born November 23 at 7:31 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. Roberts, 616 E. Carson street, a daughter, born November 22, at 6:04 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wayne Van Drew, 2113 Border avenue, a son, born November 18, at 2:23 p.m.



**SKY VISITOR . . .** Right out of the sky dropped this modern-day air-minded Santa Claus who arrived by helicopter at noon last Saturday on a parking lot on Sartori avenue. Few seconds after helicopter took off Santa was surrounded by an eager, enthusiastic crowd of nearly 3000 kids. —Herald photo.

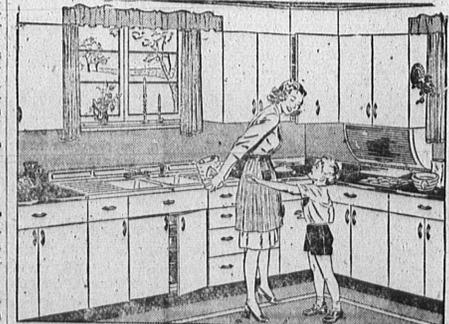
**Smudge-Pot Users Required To Have Permits This Year**

December 10 is the deadline for owners of orchard heating equipment to apply for permits to the County Air Pollution Control District, Smog Director Gordon P. Larson reminded today. Application blanks may be obtained from any citrus packing-house, or by writing the District at 5201 Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles 11.

**Herald Picture Story Televised**

A picture sequence which appeared in the Torrance Herald of November 24 was recently televised over KFTV. The series of eight pictures demonstrated the curiosity of local residents and was staged as a promotion of the Community Chest campaign.

There is one thing you can borrow without any red tape or other formalities—trouble.—Hart County (Ky.) News.



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